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1. WE AGREE THAT WORKING GROUP'S STUDY ON DATA REQUIRING AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST CAN BE DEFERRED IF CONTINUING THE STUDY WOULD INTERFERE WITH WG'S WORK ON MORE CURRENT DATA ISSUES.

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2. WE BELIEVE CURRENT NAC GUIDANCE IS ADEQUATE TO ALLOW AHG TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF DEFINITIONS AND DATA WITH EAST.

3. WE HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON UK PAPER ON DATA ISSUES (REF. B):

A. USE OF REVISED GROUND FORCE MANPOWER TOTALS (PARA. 2). WE BELIEVE AHG SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO USE CURRENT NATO AGREED TOTALS (I.E., 937,000 FOR WP; 791,000 FOR NATO; 479,000 FOR SOVIETS) WITH EAST IF EAST SHOWS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN TOTALS. (WE INTERPRET THIS POSITION TO BE CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING NATO GUIDANCE, AS QUOTED IN SECTION II OF IS COMPENDIUM IN NATO 2380: "ALLIED NEGOTIATORS MAY ALSO SAY THAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER

REVISED ALLIED ESTIMATES OF THESE TOTALS IN THE CONTEXT OF A SERIOUS RECIPROCAL DISCUSSION OF DATA." THEREFORE, NO FURTHER NAC GUIDANCE SHOULD BE REQUIRED). FURTHER UPDATING THESE TOTALS FOR PRESENT PURPOSES IS NOT NECESSARY. WE NOTE THAT AHG ALREADY HAS AUTHORITY TO EXCHANGE ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS OVERALL WARSAW PACT AND NATO AIR MANPOWER TOTALS.

B. COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BREAKDOWNS OF NATO GROUND AND AIR TOTALS (PARA. 3). WE BELIEVE IT WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE THIS DATA AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY OUR AGGREGATE TOTALS. WE AGREE WITH UK VIEW THAT THIS DATA SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE AHG TO USE ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS. HOWEVER, IF RELEASE OF NATIONAL TOTALS DEVELOPS AS A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE IN THE SPC WHICH MIGHT BLOCK A POSITIVE DECISION TO RELEASE NATO REVISED DATA ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER, MISSION MAY RECOMMEND DEFERRING DECISION ON THIS ISSUE.

C. USE OF DATA IN DISCUSSION OF REDEFINITIONS (PARA. 4). WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE ISSUE OF GROUND FORCE

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REDEFINITION AND WISH TO RESERVE ON GIVING AUTHORITY TO EXCHANGE DATA IN THIS CONTEXT. WHILE WE AGREE WITH UK THAT A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF FORCE DEFINITIONS MIGHT REQUIRE SUCH AN EXCHANGE EVENTUALLY, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SUCH DATA DISCUSSIONS MIGHT PREMATURELY LEAD INTO A PARTICULAR REDEFINITION PACKAGE.

D. USE OF MORE DETAILED DATA (PARA. 5). FOR NOW, WE SEE LITTLE NEED TO CONSIDER GUIDANCE ON MORE DETAILED DATA. IN PARTICULAR, WE DO NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE OF EQUIPMENT DATA WITH EAST, SINCE THAT COULD INVITE SOVIET DEMANDS FOR ADDITIONAL ALLIED EQUIPMENT NUMBERS, E.G., NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ARTILLERY, AIRCRAFT,

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ETC., AND MIGHT INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO DEPART FROM THE
PRESENT ALLIED POSITION AND DISCUSS REDUCTIONS OF
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